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# S. CON. RES. 62

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name the first of the fleet of the new attack submarines of the Navy the “South Dakota”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRESSLER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name the first of the fleet of the new attack submarines of the Navy the “South Dakota”.

Whereas the battleship South Dakota (BB–57) was commissioned on March 20, 1942, and was originally scheduled to host the surrender of Japan in World War II;

Whereas the battleship South Dakota (BB–57) quickly became the flagship of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz’s 3d Fleet and was renowned as the famous Battleship “X”;

Whereas the battleship South Dakota (BB–57) was one of the greatest and most decorated battleships of World War II, earning the Navy Unit commendation, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 13 battle stars, the

World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal;

Whereas on January 31, 1947, after only 5 years of service, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was decommissioned and placed in reserve;

Whereas during its 5 years of dutiful service, the crew of the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) demonstrated both dedication and courage in their efforts to preserve the security of the United States and protect the freedoms of all Americans; and

Whereas it is entirely appropriate to have the first of the fleet of the new attack submarines of the Navy named the “South Dakota” in order to honor the courage and commitment of the brave crew of the battleship South Dakota (BB-57), and to serve as a fitting tribute to one of America’s truly great battleships: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
 2   *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
 3 Secretary of the Navy should name the first of the fleet  
 4 of the new attack submarines of the Navy the “South Da-  
 5 kota”.

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